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## NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): SPREAD ILLUMINATING APPARATUSBy (Inventors): Shingo SUZUKI and Koichi TOYODA

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-7; 7 sheets) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to MINEBEA CO., LTD. is filed herewith.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-30541 filed February 8, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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	\$ 355
x 9 =	\$
x 40 =	\$
+ 135 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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x 18	\$
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